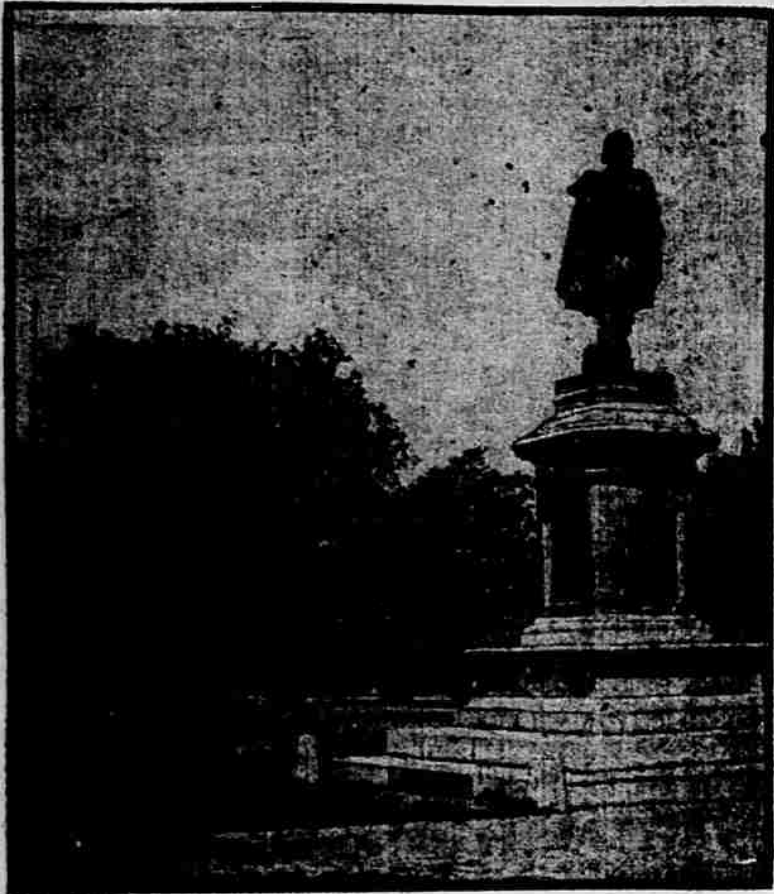


MYSTERY OF TOWER GROVE SHAKESPEARE TREE SOLVED.

Was Planted by Henry Shaw in Memory of Adelaide Neilson, Who Selected the Spot in the Rear of the Poet's Monument Shortly Before Her Death.



SHAKESPEARE TREE, TOWER GROVE PARK. The site of which was selected by Adelaide Neilson.

After a period of nearly a quarter of a century a curious mystery has just been solved in connection with the history of the Shakespeare tree, and also a memorial of the beautiful actress, Adelaide Neilson, which stands just behind the Shakespeare monument in Tower Grove Park.

Thousands of persons have viewed the statue and the tree behind which bears the inscription on a granite stone:

MULBERRY TREE
Planted on the Spot Marked by
ADELAIDE NEILSON
March 25, 1880.

Many have supposed for years that the tree was planted from clippings brought from the famous mulberry tree at Stratford-on-Avon, where the tree has been propagated for years, being known to be the poet's favorite tree.

When Miss Neilson selected the site for the tree she promised Mr. Henry Shaw that she would send him the slips on her return to Europe. Miss Neilson, in passing through England, confided the task to some of her American friends and then went over to Paris, from where word soon came that the beautiful actress had passed away.

One of her friends to whom she had confided the task of securing the cuttings at Stratford secured them. His companion was Charles Read, the novelist, and Read undertook to send them to St. Louis.

His friend, after all these intervening years, had his interest revived in the matter the other day, and from Florida he sent word to The Republic asking whether these clippings ever reached St. Louis, and whether the Neilson tree, as it stands in Tower Grove Park, came from Stratford.

WRITES THE REPUBLIC.
In his letter Miss Neilson's friend says: "When Tom Garrett, then dramatic editor of the then Missouri Republican, spoke to us about Adelaide Neilson's desire to get these clippings, I went down to Stratford and, through a letter from Charles Read, the author, succeeded in getting several of these slips and forwarded them, through him, to the city of St. Louis, where they were to be planted in Tower Grove Park. Read was a consummate egotist and made a bundle of it, and sent them in his own name to the Mayor of New York."

"What I should like to know is whether they ever reached St. Louis, or were they planted in Central Park, New York? It may seem strange to you that I have waited so long to make this inquiry, but I have had a very busy life and have just now got around to it."

The story of the slips as told by Mr. James Gurney, the veteran superintendent of Tower Grove Park, to The Republic yesterday is interesting.

"I remember the day as though it were yesterday," said Mr. Gurney, "when the beautiful Miss Neilson came out with Mr. Henry Shaw, the donor of the park and myself to see the Shakespeare monument and select a site for a memorial tree."

"I thought of all the beautiful things in the garden, I had never seen anything so graceful, so charming as she. Her voice, too, was like liquid music. She was very fond of flowers and Mr. Shaw was delighted with her appreciation of all he had done."

MISS NEILSON SELECTS SITE.
"When we got to the monument Mr. Shaw asked her to indicate the place to plant the tree. She suggested a point just behind the monument, in a direct line with the center of the Mall. I can see her now, faintly stepping behind the statue to get the center."

"There," she finally exclaimed, "I think that is very near it. What do you think, Mr. Gurney?"

\$3.89 Bathroom Outfits

The complete outfit consists of 8 finely nickel-plated bath fixtures—never sold at less than \$3.89, Monday

They Consist of	
1 Shower Bath Spray, worth.....	\$1.25
1 Bath Tub Seat, worth.....	1.00
1 Toilet Paper Holder, worth.....	.50
1 Towel Rack, 12 inches, worth.....	.50
1 Tooth Brush Holder, worth.....	.50
1 Tumbler Holder, worth.....	.50
1 Bath Tub Soap Dish, worth.....	.50
1 Sponge Holder, worth.....	.50

\$2.65



August Bargains--How Much You Save Is Governed by How Much You Buy

Rugs.

A Mighty Carpet-Size Rug Sale. This department is too crowded--room for fast arriving fall stocks must be had--sharp price-reductions will do it--If you do, or will need a Carpet-Size Rug, grab the opportunity. A comparison of former prices will show the saving.

Your Choice,	
\$25.00 and \$28.00 Best Body Brussels Rugs, 8 1/2 x 10 1/2 or 9 x 12 size.....	16.90
\$25.00 and \$28.00 Axminster Rugs, 8 1/2 x 10 1/2 or 9 x 12 size.....	16.90
\$22.50 and \$27.50 All-Wool Symrna Rugs, 7 1/2 x 10 1/2 or 9 x 12 size.....	15.00

Ladies' Knit Underwear and Hosiery.

3 ECONOMY SPECIALS.	
Children's White Vests--Low neck, sleeves--a 10c value--Monday.....	5c
Ladies' Lisle Thread Hose--Lace-foot effect and fashioned foot--first black--worth 25c--Monday.....	12 1/2c
Ladies' Lace Yoke Vests--Low neck, sleeves--color pure white--this style vest has never been sold less than 25c--Monday.....	15c

Three Good Items in Dress Goods.

Royal Blue Brilliantine, 50 inches wide--a splendid lustrous material--an 85c value--while 10 pieces last, Monday.....	39c
Black Cheviot, 52 in. wide--all wool, shrunken, fast black Cheviot--a 79c quality--Monday.....	58c
White Habutai Silk, 19 in. wide--will wash perfectly--a splendid 39c quality--Monday for, yard.....	24c

A Shoe Monday.

Little Prices Tell the Tale.	
Our firm intention is to pack this department Monday if low prices on dependable footwear will do it. Below are four reasons why we should:	
REASON NO. 1--300 pairs Children's and Little Men's Canvas Shoes--Spring heels--laced--made by Brown Shoe Co.--sold throughout sizes 5 to 12--a \$1.00 value--Monday.....	48c
REASON NO. 2--Little Girls' Shoes--Thoroughly up to date--of vic kid and box calf--laced styles and low heels--Barley-Stevens make--sizes 5 to 12--every pair guaranteed worth \$1.75--Monday.....	1.28
REASON NO. 3--Youths' and Boys' Velour Calf Lace Shoes--McKay sewed--extension soles--this fall styles--warranted solid throughout--sizes 10 to 12--\$2.00 value--Monday.....	1.48
REASON NO. 4--Ladies' Sandals and Oxfords--As a very extraordinary special we offer several hundred pairs of Ladies' 2 1/2 and strap sandals--patent leather and vic kid--leather or French heels, hand turned, plain and beaded vamp; also Ladies' Patent leather or Vic Kid Oxfords--flexible soles, low heels, military or Cuban heels--all sizes--every pair is worth \$1.75--\$2.00--Monday, at Famous, choice at.....	1.20

GEORGIA'S GOVERNOR ASKED TO PARDON MAMIE DEGRIS.

Warden Who Had Female Convict Flogged Will Be Discharged and There Is to Be No More Whipping of Prison Inmates--Sympathy Is With Unfortunate Woman, Who May Be Liberated.



MISS MAMIE DEGRIS.

there will be no more whipping of female convicts in Georgia, if Governor Terrell has his way.

The assertion of Miss Degris that she was whipped because she rejected alleged improper advances made by Warden Allagood has caused a shock throughout the State, such as has never before been known. When the Legislature convened last Wednesday, in response to hundreds of telegrams, denouncing Allagood's brutality, a resolution was immediately adopted forbidding that the lash shall be used on female convicts.

Governor Terrell has demanded that the Prison Commission discontinue Allagood, in all probability he will be obeyed. There is a division of opinion as to the truth of Miss Degris' story, but she was not properly approached by Allagood, but whether her conduct was good or bad, whether her character was unblemished, whether she had told the truth or not, these questions are being entirely disregarded. The fact that a white woman was flogged by a white man, one a convict at the mercy of a man clothed with authority of the law, the other being a convict, is a great deal of talk about a matter of little moment.

Mrs. Marie Louise Myrick, editor of a paper and a picturesque figure in journalism and politics, went into the Prison Commission's office Thursday and entered a vigorous protest against the whipping. Speaking of her visit, she said: "Warden Moore told me that Mamie Degris was not the first white woman who has been lashed at the State Farm; that other women had received worse punishment, and that the woman did not get half what she deserved."

LOVE FOR A VIOLIN SEPARATES FATHER AND SON

Instrument Causes a Series of Quarrels Between the Two, and Police Are Asked to Settle Difficulties.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
New York, Aug. 15.--The love of an old violin has caused father and son to forget their family ties and to become enemies. For months past George Fisher of Rochester and his son, George, Jr., have not acted toward each other as father and son should. Jealousy is said to be at the bottom of their family troubles, and the police have been called upon to assist them to settle their difficulties before this.

About a month ago Fisher, Sr., called on Captain Zimmerman at police headquarters, saying his violin, that he valued more than life, had been taken by his son. The son was taken to headquarters and a stormy interview was had. Both father and son swore they couldn't possibly give up the instrument. Both are excellent musicians, with the true artist's love of their violin, which they had been using in common, until the son got old enough to make greater progress than his father in the art of playing, and gradually commenced to use the violin more and more, until the old man's jealousy was aroused.

HARTMAN'S BARGAIN SALE.

Manufacturers' Samples of Household Goods to Be Sold.

Extraordinary bargains are being offered to customers by the Hartman Furniture and Carpet Company, Nos. 101 and 103 Olive street, this week. The choicest sample pieces displayed by the various manufacturers at the great Furniture Exposition at Grand Rapids, Mich., and Chicago, Ill., have been gathered by them and are to be closed out at prices representing the actual cost of material and labor. These manufacturers' samples are as fine as can be made. More than 2,000 pieces are being sold at a mere fraction of their real worth. On every sample piece the price is marked in plain figures.

Rugs and carpets of high grades are also being sold at 33-1/3 per cent below actual values. Many bargains are offered in Brussels rugs and carpets, velvet carpets, wall-inlaid carpets, Axminster rugs and velvet rugs. An extraordinary bargain is offered in Brussels rugs, of which a large number are being offered for 8c.

PAPER SHOES INSTEAD OF RICE THROWN AT BRIDE.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

London, Aug. 15.--(Copyright, 1903.)--A novelty was introduced at the last fashionable wedding of the season, when the bride and bridegroom, instead of being pelted with the conventional and sometimes hurtful rice, had thrown at them the prettiest and softest of tiny shoes made of silver paper.

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The nose may make or mar the beauty of any face. It is homely or deformed if it cannot be hidden or adorned for by any other natural attraction, but when well shaped and symmetrical it lends beauty and distinction to the whole countenance.

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